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SUBJECT: VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION

- 11. (U) This is an Action Request.
- 12. (U) USUN is instructed to call for a vote and vote NO on the following draft resolution: International Trade and Development and to deliver the explanation of vote contained in paragraph three prior to the adoption of the resolution.
- 13. (U) Begin text: The United States is a strong advocate of the development benefits of international trade and we believe that opening markets to trade across the globe can play a key role in attaining the goals of reducing poverty and hunger and sharing the benefits of growth worldwide. We believe the United Nations should send a unified, positive message from all Member States to encourage an ambitious and balanced conclusion to the Doha Round of trade negotiations. The United States cannot accept this text as we do not believe it encourages a constructive basis on which to build fair and inclusive trade dialogue. We remain hopeful that, in the future, the UN General Assembly will choose to take more positive steps to ensure that the UN remains relevant and constructive on economic and development matters. End Text.

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